

Listing of claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method of detecting Sjögren's disease comprising, contacting an isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 with a biological sample and assaying for binding of neutrokin- α to said isolated polypeptide, wherein altered binding of neutrokin- α , relative to a sample from an individual not suffering from Sjögren's disease, indicates the presence of Sjögren's disease.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein said isolated polypeptide further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is the amino acid sequence of a human immunoglobulin constant domain.

36. (Currently Amended) A method of detecting Sjögren's disease comprising, contacting an isolated polypeptide comprising amino acids 4 to 45 of SEQ ID NO:2 with a biological sample and assaying for binding of neutrokin- α to said isolated polypeptide, wherein altered binding of neutrokin- α , relative to a sample from an individual not suffering from Sjögren's disease, indicates the presence of Sjögren's disease.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said isolated polypeptide further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is the amino acid sequence of a human immunoglobulin constant domain.

39-43. (Canceled)